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For: IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE AND PORTABLE TERMINAL DEVICE USING THE SAME

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-075049, published on March 23, 2001. (English Abstract attached)
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-174852, published on June 21, 2002. (English Abstract attached)

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated June 27, 2006 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

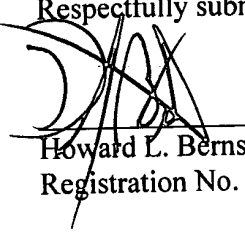
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		JP	2001-075049		03-23-2001		
		JP	2002-174852		06-21-2002		

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶

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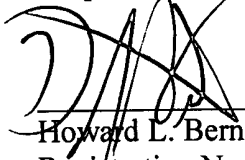
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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Note (for the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature)

- Claims: 1, 3, 7, 11, 13–15, and 20–23
- Cited literature: 1 and 2
- Remarks

Cited Literature 2 states that the reflective surface has irregularities (paragraph (0050)) and that the focal distance of the lens is made greater than the distance between the top surface of the reflective surface and the top surface of the lens (paragraph (0080), etc.). Applying said arrangement of Cited Literature 2 to the device described in Cited Literature 1 to arrive at the arrangement of the inventions according to Claims 1, 7, 11, 13–15, and 20–23 of the present application would be easy for a person skilled in the art. Furthermore, Claim 3 of the present application can be said to merely provide for irregularities as found in Cited Literature 2 within the device described in Cited Literature 1 (Figure 4).

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2001-075049
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2002-174852

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

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